GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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GALLANTARY AWARD
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a): the details of the provisions laid down to felicitate gallantary awards;

(b): whether most of the States are not adhering to these provisions and are defaulting in forwarding the nomination which results in depriving the brave persons from getting their services identified/recognized by the nation;

(c): if so, whether the Government proposes to review the existing provisions and bring amendment in the legislation to make mandatory for the States to forward the information of such persons within stipulated time;

(d): if so, the details thereof; and

(e): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a): There are several categories of gallantry awards instituted by the Government of India, namely, Ashoka Chakra series of gallantry awards, Jeevan Raksha Padak series of awards, President`s Medal for Gallantry, President`s Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal, President`s Fire Service Service Medal and President`s Correctional Service Medals for Distinguished Service/Gallantry. Each of the above awards is regulated by award-specific statutes and rules framed by the Government.

(b): With the exception of Ashoka Chakra series of gallantry awards, which is also open to civilian citizens and the Jeevan Raksha Padak series of awards, the other awards are institution-specific. Recommendations for these awards are made by the concerned institutions. Nominations for Ashoka Chakra series of awards (in respect of civilian citizens) and Jeevan Raksha Padak series of awards are invited from all State/Union territory Governments. It is for the State/Union territory Governments to satisfy themselves about the merit of each case and make suitable nominations in time.

(c), (d) and (e): The existing provisions of the statues and rules are considered adequate and there is no proposal before the Government to amend these statues and rules.